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Dear Harold,

Thanks again for your latest suggestion (re friend in Panama).

Los Angeles has proven to be better already. Found a cute affordable apt thru a friend and a job on the Herald-Examiner (Hearst) which I start Monday. The paper has been on strike for about 5 years rejecting entry of union employees but now is starting to try to build up again without giving in to the union so I've been hired as a reporter to try to give it "color." I can't say in principle I like it, but in necessity I need it. It's a place to start, anyway.

The Kaplan matter should start to move any time now. I imagine as soon as the book is out.

Frankly, I don't have a happy feeling about L. A. It isn't my kind of a town, but since I have reason to be here for at least a year, I'll stick it out. Then we'll see.

Something else new. Ran into a man who started talking about the coming gold rush. He's in commodities and is trying to promote staking claims so he can buy the gold and sell it in gold bricks. This is contingent on the law now in the Senate - it passed ~~xxx~~ House of Representatives - and it is expected to be signed by Nixon around July. The bill is H. R. 435. Have you any way of knowing or finding out when the bill will become a law? And what do you think of the whole thing? Many articles are beginning to appear on how to stake a gold claim but as far as I can determine, in order to stake one, you first have to prove there's gold in them ~~that~~ hills. In other words go prospecting first. But I wonder - if you homesteaded (is that simpler?) and then found ore on your land, wouldn't that make prospecting unnecessary? I've a letter out to the Dept. of Interior asking them the difference between homesteading and mine claiming and how you go about it and where. But wonder what you think. Wouldn't homesteading help ~~some~~ solve some of your financial problems? You could sell the house you have and build a smaller one on government land. Before I left Mexico a friend who is an economic expert said many people don't realize there's still land in the States to homestead. I understand you have to show some kind of work put on it on a yearly basis to maintain it. I'm so curious to know what you think about all this. Whatcha up to in general?

What do you think's going to happen re Watergate? Chihuahua this country's going to have to do some appologizing on a worldly plane!

Best to you and Lil,

Paul